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Associates NAL

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The Associates of the National Agricultural Library, Inc.
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VIEW FROM THE TOWER

The membership turnout for the Second Annual Meeting was exceptionally good this year, especially since many of our members live away from the Washington Metropolitan area. Among the out-of-towners were Dean Trivette from the University of Kentucky, Dr. E. M. Funk, University of Missouri, and Dr. James M. Gwin, St. Louis, Missouri. This improved attendance would seem to indicate a more active interest in achieving the goals and objectives established by the Associates.

We have come a long way in building our organizational structure. During this next year we hope to bring to fruition some of our plans in support of the programs of the National Agricultural Library. The membership present at the Annual Meeting voted to establish four new committees.

<u>Program:</u> Henry T. Murphy	<u>Committee Chairman</u>
<u>Finance & Budget:</u> C. S. Shaffner	<u>Membership:</u> Mildred Benton
<u>Special Awards:</u> Mary Ruth Brown	<u>Nominating:</u> Jeff Dykes
	<u>Purchase:</u> James M. Gwin

These are (1) Special Privileges (2) Editorial (3) Publicity (4) Bicentennial. Members and chairmen are needed for these committees to activate them and to establish goals and plans. In addition, we still have committees on Program, Membership, Finance & Budget, Nominations, Special Awards, and Purchase. These committees would also welcome new members. We want all our members to become actively involved in the affairs of the Associates. Volunteer today! Send your name and committee interest in to:

The Executive Secretary
The Associates NAL, Inc.
10301 Baltimore Blvd.
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Working together we can create a strong and active organization supporting a vigorous National Agricultural Library. Volunteer today!

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes

The second annual meeting convened at the National Agricultural Library on May 16 at 10:00 a.m., Angelina J. Carabelli, President presiding.

The business meeting dealt with both old and new matters. Reports were presented by committee chairmen or their delegates.

Membership: Miss Mildred Benton gave figures on enrollment. Since the Board of Directors meeting February 2, 1972 the Associates have received nine (9) new personal members and two (2) institutional members. Total enrollment stands at sixty-one (61) personal members and five (5) institutional members.

Membership renewal notices were sent out in June and membership cards will be issued for the first time this year.

Mrs. Ruth Pyne has suggested establishment of a category of life memberships. Dr. James Gwin recommended that life membership dues received be placed in a special interest-earning account for the benefit of The Associates

Dr. Charles E. Kellogg proposed foreign memberships. These suggestions will be placed before the Board of Directors in November. Meanwhile, let us have your comments.

Awards Committee: Dean Trivette reported the Committee is seeking contributors to fund the Awards Program.

Finance Committee: This report was presented by Dr. C. S. Shaffner. The "Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended December 31, 1971" was prepared by J. Hosley, Certified Public Accountant. A Financial Statement for Jan. 1 - May 15, 1972 was also presented. Both statements follow on page four.

Purchase Committee: Dr. James Gwin presented recommendations, as Chairman, for exhibits at international congresses based on the resources of the National Agricultural Library. Dr. Gwin was encouraged to set up a special committee to design the exhibit and to seek some financial support.

Program Committee: The Executive Secretary, in the absence of the chairman, reported on the status of various program activities.

1. The Volunteer Program has been approved by the Board of Directors, but not yet implemented.
2. A Sales Desk has been approved and will probably be a function of the Information Desk in the NAL Lobby after July 1. Projected items for sale will include publications of The Associates, slide sets on NAL, post cards, and Christmas cards.
3. Professional Activities Fund: Initial contact for a grant has been made with Rockefeller Foundation. The proposal is in the draft stage.

No action was taken on the following proposals:

1. Regional Agricultural History Collections.

ASSOCIATES OF THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY, INC.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1971

CASH IN BANK - January 1, 1971 \$ 136

RECEIPTS:

Membership dues - Individual	\$ 430
Membership dues - Institutions	100
Donations	217
Copia II Income	975
Christmas Cards	30

Total Receipts 1,752

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE \$1,888

DISBURSEMENTS:

Copia II Expenses			
Equipment Rental	\$445		
Personal Property Tax	112		
Supplies	<u>505</u>		\$1,062
Christmas Cards			63
Miscellaneous			3
Office Expenses			52
Open House			27
Postage			26
Printing			364
Repairs			14
Repayment of Borrowed Funds			66

Total Disbursements 1,677

CASH IN BANK - December 31, 1971 \$ 211

Financial Statement follows on page five.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Jan. 1 - May 15, 1972

Cash in bank - January 1, 1971.....\$ 211.

Receipts

Membership dues - Individual.....	100.
Membership dues - Institutions.....	300.
Donations	0
Copia II Income.....	906.95
Reservations for Annual Luncheon.....	48.
Christmas Cards.....	.25
For services rendered APHA.....	<u>9.98</u>
	\$1,365.18

Total Cash Available..... \$1,576.00

Disbursements:

Copia II Expenses

Equipment rental.....	445.00
Supplies.....	341.00
Printing.....	215.00
Postage.....	17.00
Bank service charge.....	4.00
Open house.....	30.00
Office expenses.....	36.00
Income Tax Return.....	25.00
Secretarial Services.....	<u>90.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS..... \$1,203.00

CASH ON HAND..... \$ 373.00

2. Monetary Appraisal Inventory of Rare Books at NAL
3. Oral History Project
4. Reprint publication program of bibliographies in the NAL Library List series.

New Business

A policy concerning gifts was recommended from the floor:

1. Associates should actively seek out and encourage donation or deposit of special subject collections, rare books, graphics and related materials in the broad field of agriculture. Such gifts, donations, or deposits should be made to The Associates for the National Agricultural Library.
2. The Associates NAL, Inc. reserve the right to dispose of any duplicate items in gift collections by sale, the proceeds to be used for the acquisition of rare books for the National Agricultural Library.

The recommendation was seconded from the floor.

Four new committees were established.

1. Special Privileges
2. Editorial
3. Publicity
4. Bi-centennial

Members for these committees are urgently needed. Please let the Executive Secretary know of your interest.

A proposal to establish the position of Honorary Chairman of the Board, to be filled by the wife of the incumbent Secretary of Agriculture was placed before

the meeting. Reaction was favorable and further action will be taken by the Board of Directors in November.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of new officers, which was unanimously adopted by those members present at the Annual Meeting. The new officers for 1972/73 are:

Angelina J. Carabelli, President

Mildred Benton, Vice-President

Earl Copus, Treasurer

Margaret Bryant, Recording Secretary

New appointments to the Board of Directors include:

Dr. Charles E. Kellogg, Representative for the Personal Membership

Dr. Donald Johnson, Representative for the Institutional Membership

Mr. Kevin Keaney, ex officio (representing NAL for a three-year term: replacing Mrs. Jeanne M. Holmes)

Schedule of future meetings:

Board of Directors
November 1972
February 1973

Annual Meeting
May 1973

The business meeting adjourned for a "Social hour" prior to lunch to welcome special guests - Chester O. Harris, Assistant to the Director, National Visitor Center, National Park Service, Wayne D. Rasmussen, Chief, Agricultural History Branch, Economic and Statistical Analysis Division, USDA, and Roy Basler, Chief, Manuscripts Division, Library of Congress.

LINCOLN EXHIBIT

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation to the Library by the Associates of a permanent exhibit on "Abraham Lincoln and His Legacy to American Agriculture". The date of the presentation fell within one day of the Organic Act establishing USDA, May 15, 1862.

We were especially fortunate in having Representative Fred Schwengel (R-Ia) as our guest speaker. Representative Schwengel is a noted Lincoln buff and a good friend to the Library. Chester O. Harris, who was instrumental in securing the bust of Lincoln for the exhibit, spoke on its provenance.

The exhibit, placed in the Lobby of the National Agricultural Library, includes a bronze bust of Lincoln sculpted by Leo Cherne. This bronze is an identical replica of the bronze presented by President Eisenhower to President Prasad of India in 1959. The Associates NAL are indebted to the National Park Service and the Lincoln Museum in the Ford's Theatre National Historic Site, Washington, D.C. for making this bronze available on indefinite loan.

Also included in the exhibit are framed facsimile copies of "An Act Establishing the Department of Agriculture, 1862; the Homestead Act of 1862; and the Land Grant Colleges, October 1862.

Miss Angelina J. Carabelli, President, formally presented the exhibit to John Sherrod, Director, NAL.

A monograph "Abraham Lincoln: His Legacy to American Agriculture" commemorates the event. Copies have been distributed to all members. Additional copies are available from the Executive Secretary at \$1.50 per copy.

HAPPENINGS AT NAL

National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

The Commission met at the National Agricultural Library on June 15, 1972. John Sherrod, Director, NAL, spoke to the group on the program, goals, and objectives of the Library. This was followed by a tour of the facilities led by Mrs. Irene White and Mr. Joseph Judy of the Staff. The Commission members reassembled to ask questions and to hear more details on NAL organization from key members. The Associates hosted the luncheon which followed. We were particularly pleased that the warm, sunny weather permitted use of the fourteenth floor verandah for the luncheon. The view was superb!

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